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The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 1473  
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Attention: Chemical Right-to-Know  
HPV Challenge Program, AR-201  
HPV CONSORTIUM #

**RE: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION - CATEGORY ANALYSIS AND HAZARD  
CHARACTERIZATION DOCUMENT FOR THE PETROLEUM COKE  
CATEGORY**

Dear Administrator Johnson:

In April 2000 API on behalf of the Petroleum HPV Testing Group (TG) submitted a set of robust study summaries containing existing HPV data and a test plan describing proposed actions for the development of missing HPV data for the two substances comprising the Petroleum Coke Category. EPA, ED, and PETA provided comments to API on the submissions in August 2000. In December 2000 API submitted to the EPA a set of TG responses to these comments. The TG believes it has sufficiently addressed the comments with the responses and subsequent data development actions.

With this letter the API is submitting on behalf of the TG a category analysis and hazard characterization document for the Petroleum Coke Category. During the next several weeks all accompanying robust study summaries containing previously submitted and newly developed HPV data will be converted to endpoint data reports and electronically submitted to EPA using its HPVIS system. The TG considers that upon submission of the HPVIS data reports it will have completed its commitments under the U.S. EPA HPV Chemical Challenge Program for the two substances comprising the Petroleum Coke Category.

Please contact me with any comments or questions you may have regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

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